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Chapman Recognized Again as Top Ten Entrepreneurial University

ORANGE, Calif., Sept. 10, 2008 -- *Entrepreneur* magazine and The Princeton Review released today the sixth annual ranking of the top graduate and undergraduate entrepreneurship programs in the nation. Out of more than 2,300 schools solicited for survey data, a select 50 rose to the top.

Chapman University ranked # 10 at the undergraduate level and # 9 at the graduate level. This is the second year in a row that Chapman University has finished in the Top Ten at both levels in the rankings. Chapman University is the only university in California that has made the Top 10 at both levels over two years, in both the 2008 and 2007 rankings.

The rankings reflect the success of Chapman University's Leatherby Center for Entrepreneurship and Business Ethics over the past several years. Students, faculty and alumni of the Chapman entrepreneurship program have received global, national, and regional 1st-place entrepreneurship awards and recognition. In 2008, the United States Association of Small Business and Entrepreneurship recognized Chapman University with a 1st Place "Excellence in Innovative Pedagogy" Award, and P. K. Shukla, Ph.D., director of the Leatherby Center, received a National Excellence in Entrepreneurship Education Award from the Acton Foundation.

Experiential learning, courses in social and environmental entrepreneurship, and more involvement with nearby communities of business leaders are some of the trends among business schools nationally. Chapman's Argyros School of Business and Economics is emerging as a leader in this area by placing a focus upon "reality-based education."

"As entrepreneurship is an interdisciplinary area, our rankings reflect the efforts and quality of the entire Argyros School of Business and Economics faculty and staff," said Dr. Shukla. "Credit for the rankings also goes to Chapman's campus-wide entrepreneurial spirit and the climate created by our administrators, trustees, alumni and other supporters of our campus."

All schools surveyed were evaluated based on key criteria in the areas of academics and requirements, students and faculty, and outside-the-classroom experiences. Robert Franek, The Princeton Review's vice president of publishing, says the ranking shows that while there are overall trends, each program offers something unique for students, and that the ranking highlights "schools that are exceptional for specific reasons."

Entrepreneur Magazine – The Princeton Review 2008 Best Schools for Entrepreneurs

Top 25 Undergraduate Programs

1. University of Houston

2. Babson College
3. Drexel University
4. University of Dayton
5. University of Arizona
6. Temple University
7. DePaul University
8. University of Oklahoma
9. University of Southern California
10. Chapman University
11. Ball State University
12. Baylor University
13. University of North Dakota
14. Northeastern University
15. Syracuse University
16. Miami University
17. Loyola Marymount University
18. Washington State University
19. University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
20. University of Alabama
21. University of Cincinnati
22. University of Iowa
23. Belmont University
24. Xavier University

25. Suffolk University

Top 25 Graduate Programs

1. Babson College
2. DePaul University
3. University of Southern California
4. The University of Arizona
5. University of South Florida
6. University of Illinois, Chicago
7. University of California, Los Angeles
8. Drexel University
9. Chapman University
10. University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
11. Temple University
12. Loyola Marymount University
13. University of Wisconsin
14. Northwestern University
15. Monterey Institute of International Studies
16. Rice University
17. Tulane University
18. Syracuse University
19. University of Chicago
20. University of Virginia

21. University of Louisville
22. Simmons College
23. University of Oregon
24. Rollins College
25. City University of New York—Baruch College